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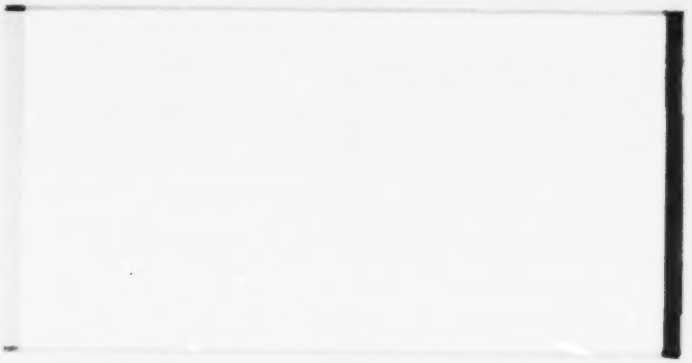

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COMMUNITY PROFILE:

CENTRAL PLANNING NEIGHBOURHOOD

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1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this profile is to provide a general socio-economic description of the geographical area defined by the Central planning neighbourhood located in Hamilton West. The borders of this area are: the C.N.R. railway tracks to the north; Main Street West to the south; James Street South to the east; and Queen Street South to the west (refer to neighbourhood location map - Figure 1).

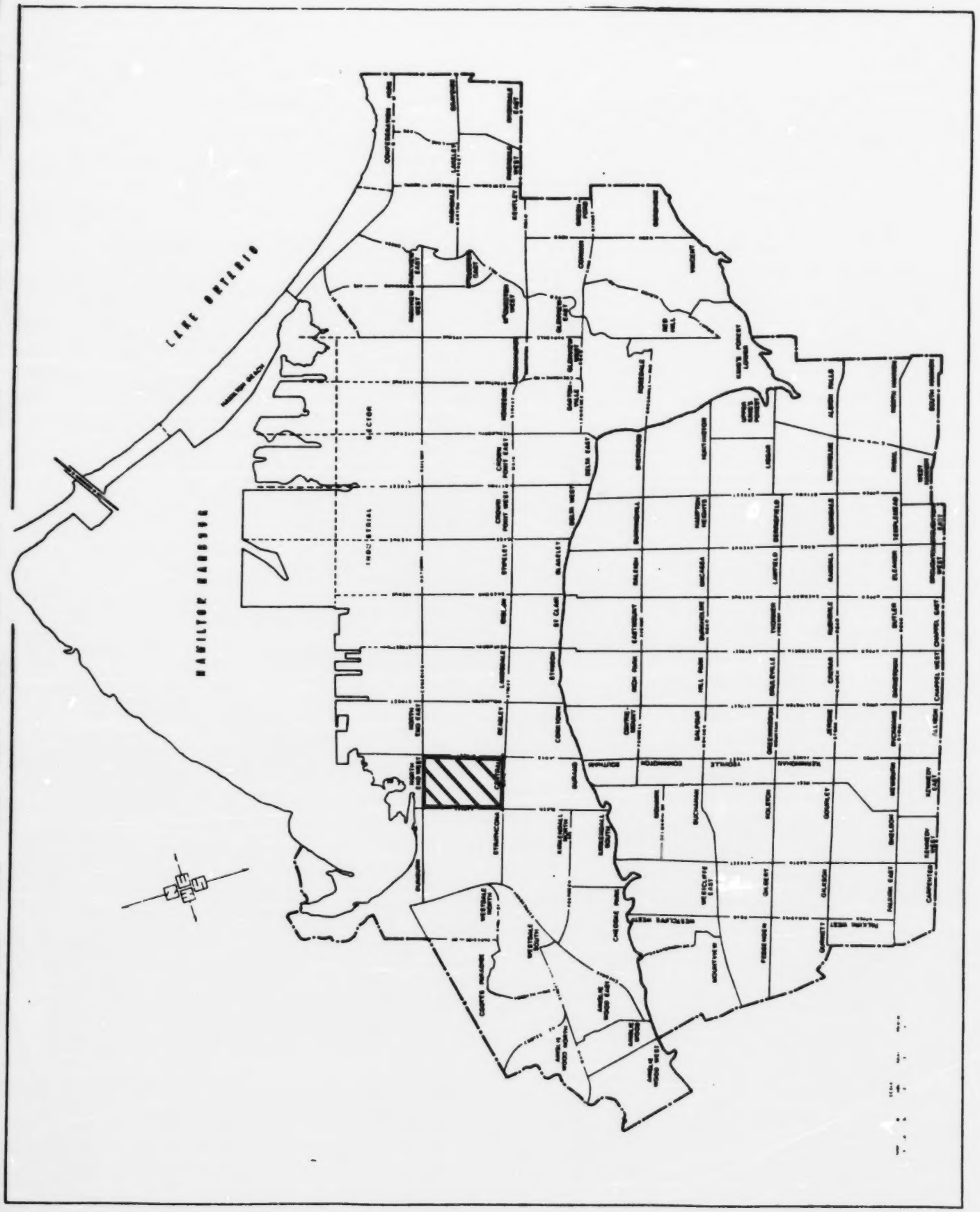
The report contains information and data concerning a variety of neighbourhood characteristics including:

a) trends in population and population composition;
b) physical land-use characteristics;
c) an overview of the housing situation;
d) the composition of families;
e) significant socio-economic indicators;
f) a listing of local community services; and,
g) the utilization of human services.

Where possible, statistical information for the Central neighbourhood has been compared to data available for the City of Hamilton (averages).

At the conclusion of the profile, a brief summary of highlights of the socio-economic data of the neighbourhood is presented.

FIGURE 1: CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD LOCATION MAP



2. DEFINITIONS

The following has been drawn from information supplied by Statistics Canada regarding the proper 'definitions' for certain data contained in this report:

Age:

Refers to age at last birthday (as of the Census reference date, 3 June 1981).

Mother Tongue:

The first language learned in childhood and still understood by an individual.

Religion:

Refers to specific religious groups or bodies, denominations, sects, cults or religious communities.

Labour Force Activity:

The labour market activity of the population 15 years of age and over, excluding inmates, who in the week prior to enumeration (3 June 1981) were employed, unemployed or not in the labour force.

Employed:

Includes those persons who, during the week prior to enumeration:

a) did any work at all; or

b) were absent from their jobs or businesses because of own temporary illness or disability, vacation, labour dispute at their place of work, or absent for other reasons.

Unemployment Rate:

Refers to the percentage the unemployed force forms of the total labour force (in the reference week) in an area, group

or category. The unemployed includes those persons who, during the week prior to enumeration:

a) were without work, had actively looked for work in the past four weeks and were available for work; or

b) had been on lay-off for 26 weeks or less and expected to return to their job; or

c) had definite arrangements to start a new job in four weeks or less.

Participation Rate:

Refers to the percentage the total labour force (in the reference week) forms of the total population 15 years of age and over, excluding inmates, in an area, group or category.

Less Than Grade 9 Education:

Refers to the percentage of the population 15 years of age and over with less than any secondary education (includes Kindergarten to Grade 8 and those with no schooling).

Occupied Private Dwelling:

A private dwelling in which a person or group of persons is permanently residing.

Private Household:

A person or group of persons (other than foreign residents) who occupy a private dwelling and do not have a usual place of residence elsewhere in Canada. The number of private households equals the number of occupied private dwellings.

Gross Rent:

The total average monthly payments paid by tenant household to secure shelter. Gross rent includes payments for electricity, oil, gas, coal, wood or other fuels, water and other municipal services and monthly cash rent.

Value of Dwelling:

The amount expected by the owner if the dwelling were to be sold.

Census Family:

Consists of a husband and wife (with or without children who have never married, regardless of age) or a lone-parent, regardless of marital status, with one or more children (who have never married, regardless of age) living in the same dwelling.

Husband-Wife Family:

Consists of a husband and wife (with or without children) or persons who live in common-law (with or without children).

Lone-Parent Family:

Consists of a parent, regardless of marital status (with no spouse present) with one or more children living in the same dwelling.

Total Income:

The sum of amounts received during 1980 by an income recipient (15 years of age and over) from all sources.

Average Income:

The average family/household income refers to the weighted mean total income of families/households in 1980. (Family/household total income refers to the sum of the total incomes of the members of the family or household, 15 years of age and over).

Average Employment Income:

The weighted mean total employment income per unit of a particular group. (Employment income refers to the total income received by persons 15 years of age and over during 1980 as wages and salaries, net income from non-farm self-employment and/or net farm income).

Average Census Family Income:

Refer to definition of 'Average Income'.

Average Private Household Income:

Refer to definition of 'Average Income".

Economic Family:

A group of two or more persons who live in the same dwelling and are related to each other by blood, marriage or adoption. Persons living common-law are considered, for Census purposes, as now married.

Incidence of Low Income:

The incidence of low income is the percentage of family units below the low income cut-off points. On the basis of the total income of a family unit adjusted for federal Child Tax Credit, size of family limit and size of the area of residence, the position of each unattached individual and economic family is determined in relation to low income cut-offs based on the 1978 Family Expenditure Survey and updated by changes in the Consumer Price Index.

3. POPULATION

3.1 Past Trends

During the past three decades (1951-1981), the population of the Central area has decreased by 2,461 people (or 4.3 percent). The neighbourhood lost 2,119 people between 1956-1961 and 1971-1976, or 86% of the total decrease. The population did increase between 1961 and 1966 by 4.2 percent.

TABLE 1

PAST POPULATION TRENDS (1951-1981)*

Year	Population	Percent Change
1951	6,100	-
1956	5,671	- 7.0
1961	4,338	- 23.5
1966	4,520	+ 4.2
1971	4,446	- 1.6
1976	3,660	- 17.7
1981	3,639	- 0.5

* Please note that, due to Census recording methods, the information in this table is reported for the geographic area which most closely approximated the Central neighbourhood boundries. These boundaries were: King Street West; C.N.R. tracks; James Street North; and Queen Street North.

Source: Statistics Canada

3.2 Current Trends

In the past number of years, the population in the neighbourhood has experienced a fairly small decrease as Table 2 illustrates.

Between 1977 and 1985, the neighbourhood population declined by 309 persons (or 7.8 percent). Notably, it is estimated that the neighbourhood will contain 5,000 people by the year 2001 - a significant increase over the 1985 population.

TABLE 2

CURRENT POPULATION TRENDS (1977-1985)

Year	Population	Percent Change
1977	3,956	-
1978	3,835	- 3.0
1979	3,885	+ 1.3
1980	3,872	- 0.3
1982	3,750	- 3.2
1985	3,647	- 2.7
2001 (estimate)	5,000	+ 37.1

Source: Planning and Development Department of Hamilton-Wentworth

3.3 Population Composition

3.3.1 Age and Sex Composition

The Central population can be broken down by age and sex into five year groups as Table 3 presents.

The statistics in Table 3 are pictorally represented as a population pyramid in Figure 2.

The ratio of males and females is almost equal as indicated in Table 3 and Figure 2. Males compose 50.4 percent of the Central population compared to 49.6 percent for the female population. There are only 26 more males than females in the neighbourhood. (Comparative figures for the City of Hamilton are 51.8 percent for females and 48.2 percent for males.)

Although the ratio of males and females is almost the same, there is a larger proportion of males in the very young, teen and middle age categories.

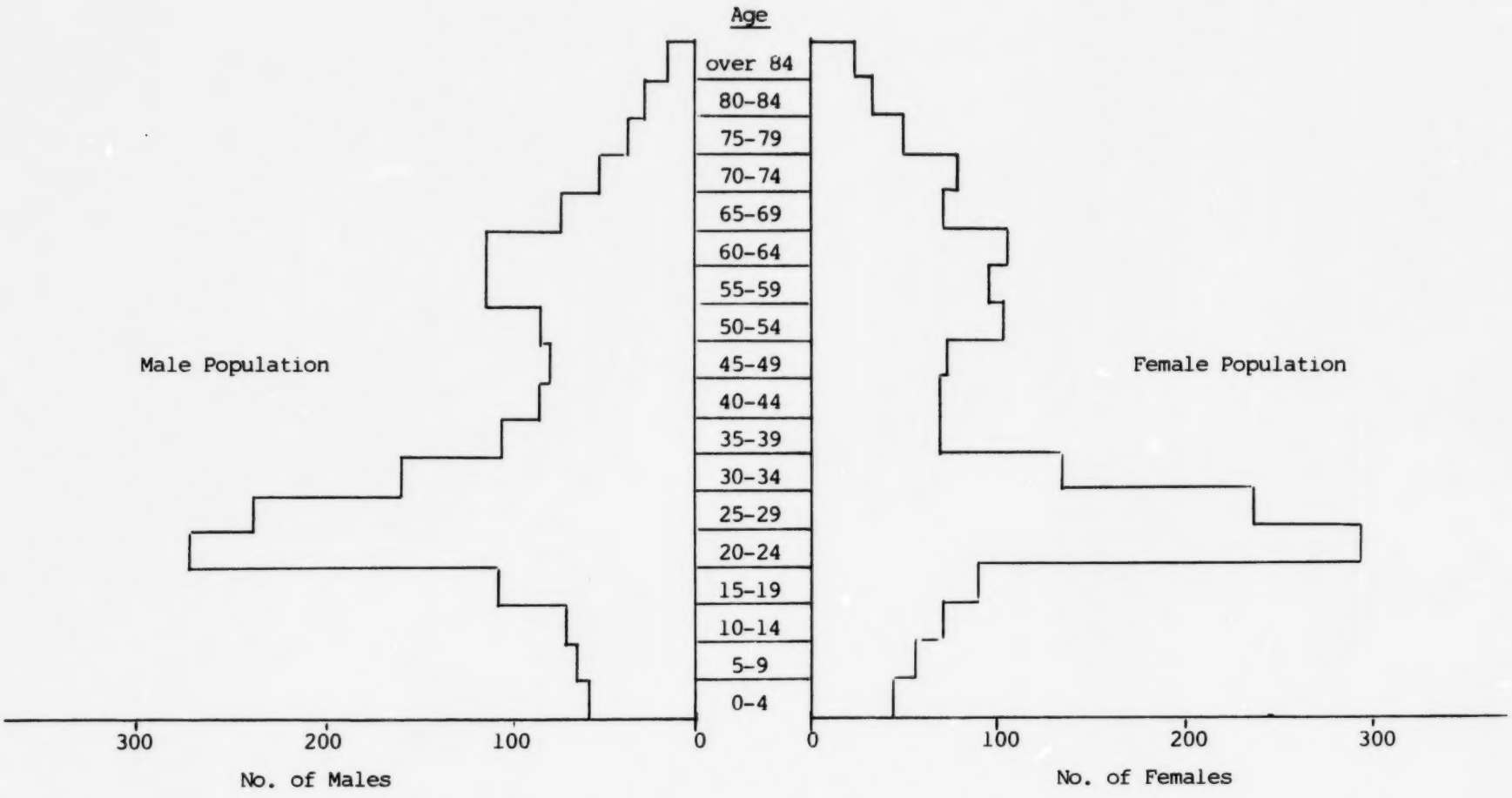
TABLE 3

AGE AND SEX COMPOSITION (1985)

Age Group	Males	Females	Total	Percent of Total
0-4	58	43	101	3.0
5-9	61	58	119	3.5
10-14	67	71	138	4.0
15-19	108	87	195	5.7
20-24	273	290	563	16.5
25-29	235	238	473	13.9
30-34	157	135	292	8.6
35-39	102	69	171	5.0
40-44	82	69	151	4.4
45-49	77	74	151	4.4
50-54	81	102	183	5.4
55-59	113	96	209	6.1
60-64	112	103	215	6.3
65-69	70	74	144	4.2
70-74	52	79	131	3.8
75-79	34	47	81	2.4
80-84	24	34	58	1.7
over 84	14	25	39	1.1
Total	1,720	1,694	3,414	100.0
Age Not Known			233	
Total Population			3,647	

Source: Planning and Development Department of Hamilton-Wentworth

FIGURE 2: POPULATION PYRAMID (1985)



Source: Planning and Development Department of Hamilton-Wentworth

3.3.2 Structural Composition

The neighbourhood's proportion of young people, working people and senior citizens is compared to similiar figures for the City in Table 4.

As shown, the proportion of seniors for both Central and the City are almost the same. The percentage of youth in the neighbourhood (11.1 percent) is lower than the City average, while the percentage of those of 'working age' (76.7 percent) is higher than the City average.

TABLE 4

COMPARISON OF POPULATION STRUCTURE (1985)

	Central		City of Hamilton	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Youth (under 16)	380	11.1	57,156	19.3
Working Population*	2,620	76.7	200,106	67.6
Seniors (over 64)	414	12.1	38,596	13.0
Sub-Total	3,414	100.0	295,858	100.0
Age Unknown	233		11,282	
Total Population	3,647		307,140	

* Potential 'working population' between the ages of 16 and 64 years.

Source: Planning and Development Department of Hamilton-Wentworth

3.3.3 Marital Status

As indicated by Table 5, Central has a lower proportion of married people (43.1 percent) and a higher proportion of single (44.5 percent), widowed (7.6 percent) and divorced people (4.8 percent).

TABLE 5

COMPARISON OF MARITAL STATUS (1981)

Marital Status	Central		City of Hamilton
	No.	Percent	Percent
Single	1,720	44.5	41.2
Married	1,665	43.1	49.9
Widowed	295	7.6	6.2
Divorced	185	4.8	2.7
Total	3,865	100.0	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada

3.3.4 Religious Affiliation

Table 6 presents information about the religious affiliations of the Central population in 1981.

Central has a smaller proportion of people affiliated with Anglican, Presbyterian and United Church bodies than the City. Catholics form the largest group (59.4 percent) in the neighbourhood, exceeding the City average by about 20 percent.

TABLE 6

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION (1981)

Religious Affiliation	Central		City of Hamilton
	No.	Percent	Percent
Anglican	395	10.2	14.3
Baptist	140	3.6	3.4
Catholic	2,310	59.4	38.9
Eastern Orthodox	105	2.7	2.9
Jewish	30	0.8	0.9
Lutheran	95	2.4	2.1
Presbyterian	190	4.9	8.1
United Church	215	5.5	15.2
Other Protestant Bodies	45	1.2	3.9
No Religious Affiliation	260	6.7	6.8
Other	100	2.6	3.5
Total	3,890	100.0	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada

3.3.5 Ethnic Origin

The ethnic mix of the Central neighbourhood is presented in Table 7.

Only 38.3 percent of the Central population reported their origins as British compared to 52 percent for the City. Compared to the City average, Central is characterized by a high ethnic proportion of people of Italian and Portuguese descent. Portuguese people form 10.4 percent of the Central population compared to 1.9 percent of the City's population. Central contains a higher proportion of Italians - 28.0 percent as opposed to 10.7 percent.

TABLE 7

ETHNIC ORIGIN (1981)

Ethnic Group	Central		City of Hamilton
	No.	Percent	Percent
African	5	0.1	0.3
Balkans	45	1.2	3.1
Baltic	10	0.3	0.8
British	1,490	38.3	52.0
Czech and Slovak	20	0.5	0.5
Chinese	30	0.8	0.7
Dutch	15	0.4	1.8
French	180	4.6	3.7
German	80	2.0	3.3
Greek	35	0.9	0.8
Hungarian Magyar	45	1.2	1.4
Italian	1,090	28.0	10.7
Japanese	0	0.0	0.2
Jewish	25	0.6	0.8
Native People	65	1.7	0.8
Polish	30	0.8	2.7
Portuguese	405	10.4	1.9
Russian	5	0.1	0.1
Ukrainian	75	2.0	2.2
Other	280	7.2	12.2
Total	3,890	100.0	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada

4. PHYSICAL LAND-USE

4.1 Property Land-Use and Assessment Value

A breakdown of the land-use by number of acres and total assessed property value for the Central neighbourhood is presented in Table 8.

TABLE 8

LAND-USE ACREAGE AND TOTAL ASSESSMENT VALUE (1982)

Land-Use Characteristic	Acreage*		Total Assessed Value	
	No.	Percent	Dollars	Percent
Residential Individual	44.2	24.8	4,808,578	45.1
Transportation, Communication, Utilities and Parking	33.0	18.5	631,620	5.9
Retail, Products and Services	28.0	15.7	2,913,640	27.3
Institutional	22.2	12.4	1,314,914	12.3
Industrial	17.8	10.0	134,270	1.3
Open Space	14.6	8.2	225,585	2.1
Office	13.1	7.3	549,451	5.2
Storage and Warehousing	5.7	3.2	34,521	0.3
Residential Collective	0.8	0.4	49,177	0.5
Total	178.4	100.0	10,661,756	100.0

* Total Acreage should not be interpreted as the total size of the neighbourhood since data for all land parcels is not assembled (particularly for roads, railways and utilities).

Source: Planning and Development Department of Hamilton-Wentworth

The 'Residential Individual' land-use classification accounts for the largest amount of recorded acreage (24.8 percent). This is followed by 'Transportation, Communications, Utilities and Parking' (18.5 percent) and 'Retail, Products and Services' (15.7 percent). About 45 percent of the assessed dollar value of the neighbourhood is accounted for by the 'Residential Individual' land-use classification and 27.3 percent of the assessed dollar value is for the 'Retail, Products and Services' land-use classification.

Smaller portions of land and assessed value are contained within the 'Institutional', 'Industrial', 'Open Space' and 'Office' designations.

4.2 Zoning

The attached zoning map of Central (Figure 3) and Table 9 illustrate the type and location of the various zoning districts in the neighbourhood.

The general zoning patterns in the Central neighbourhood are diverse. As you move from Main Street West (on the south) to the Canadian National Railway Freight Yards (on the north), you find a progression from institutional and business uses ('HI' - Civic Centre Protected Area and 'J' - Central Business) to High Density Multiple Dwellings residential use ('E-3') to a Single-family and Double-family residential ('D') and Heavy Industrial uses ('K'). Much of the neighbourhood is also zoned 'H' - Commercial.

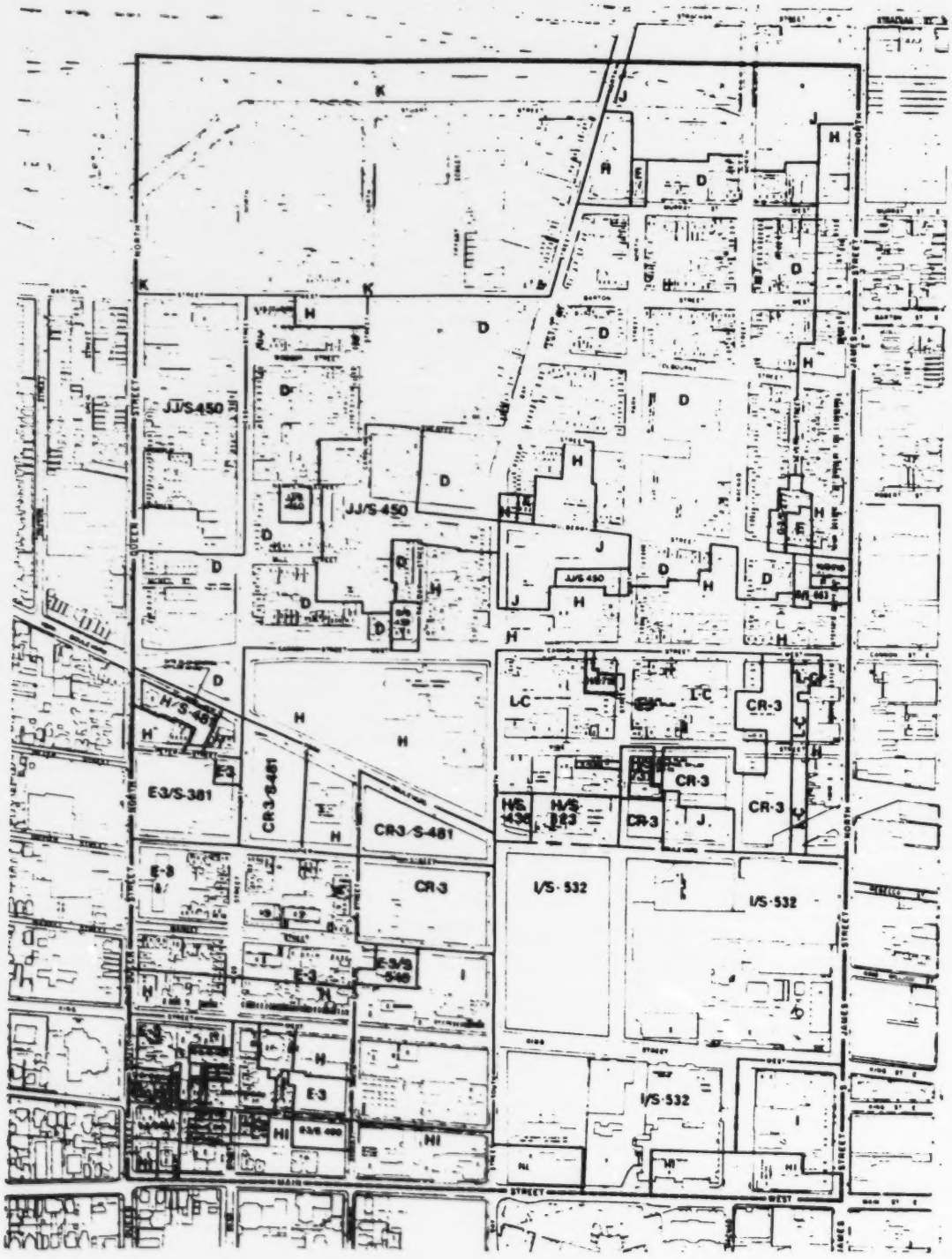


FIGURE 3: CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD ZONING MAP

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TABLE 9

LIST OF ZONING DISTRICTS (1981)

District	Principal Permitted Uses
CR-3	Commercial-Residential
D	Residential (1 and 2 Family)
E	Multiple Dwellings, Lodges, Clubs, etc.
E-3	High Density Multiple Dwellings
G-3	Public Parking Lots
H	Commercial
HI	Civic Centre Protected District
I	Central Business
J	Light and Limited Heavy Industrial
JJ	Restricted Light Industrial
K	Heavy Industrial
L-C	Planned Development - future Commercial uses

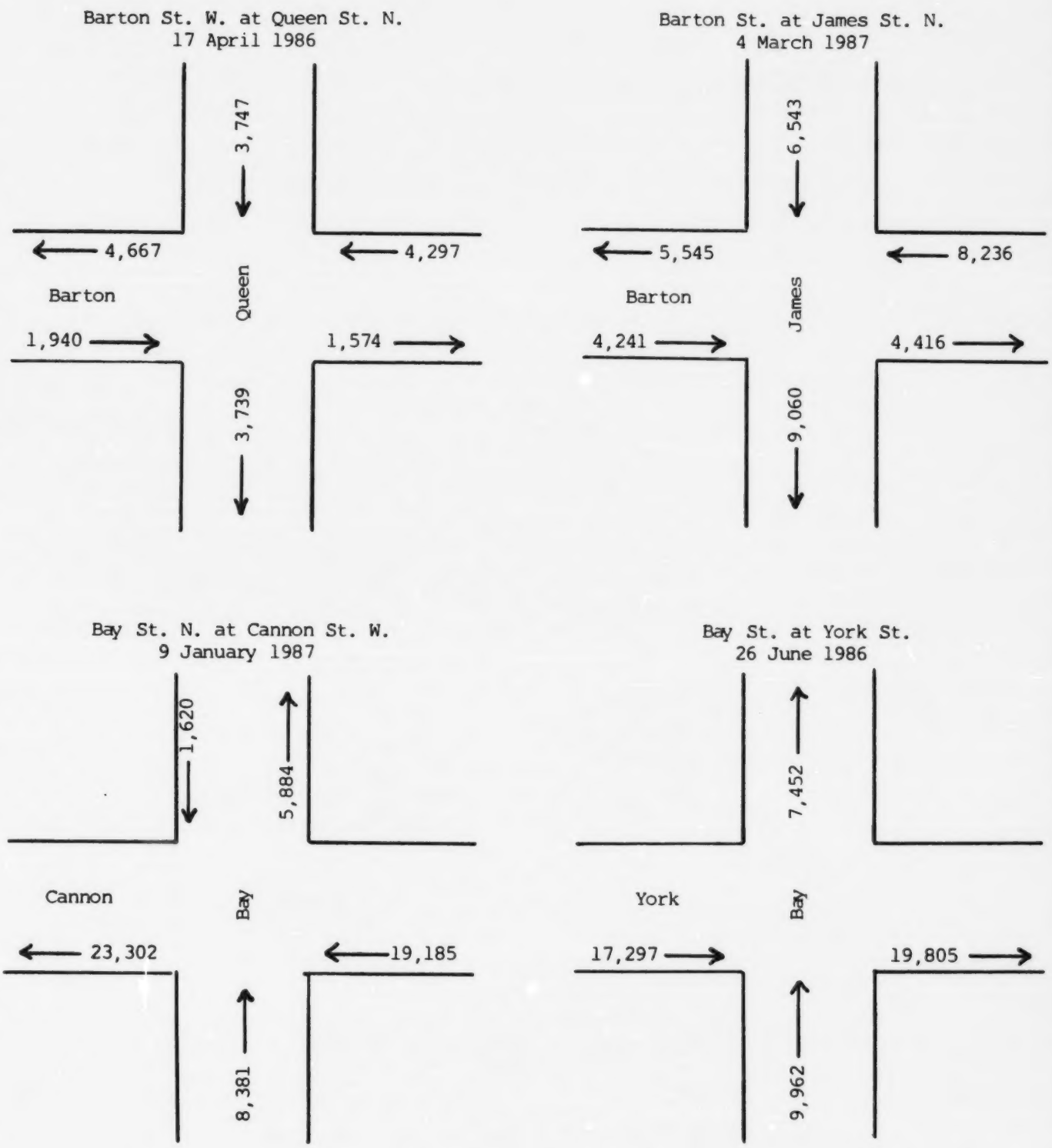
Site plan control (By-law No. 79-275) is enforced throughout much of the neighbourhood.

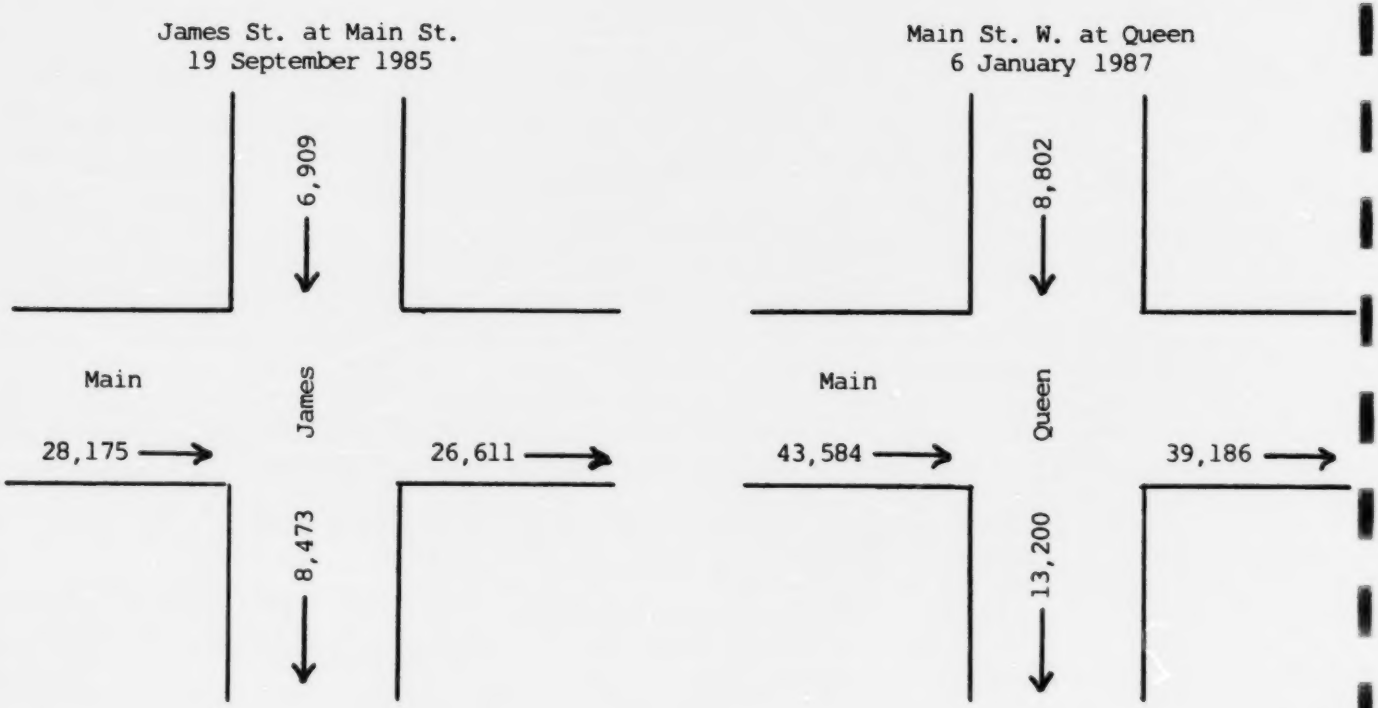
4.3 Traffic Volume:

Figure 4 illustrates the traffic volumes for a 24-hour period at a number of busy intersections in the Central neighbourhood.

The vehicle counts are for six neighbourhood intersections and were recorded on the dates shown in each diagram.

FIGURE 4: 24-HOUR TRAFFIC COUNTS





Source: City of Hamilton Traffic Department

5. HOUSING

5.1 Occupied Dwellings

Information about housing stock and value in the Central neighbourhood is presented in Table 10.

TABLE 10

OCCUPIED DWELLINGS (1981)

	Central		City of Hamilton
	No.	Percent	Percent
Total Occupied Private Dwellings	1,730	100.0	100.0
Owned	495	28.6	56.4
Rented	1,235	71.4	43.6
Single-detached	270	15.6	51.4
Single-attached	360	20.8	10.5
Apartment (<5 storeys)	240	13.9	10.2
Apartment (>5 storeys)	790	45.7	23.9
Duplex	70	4.0	4.0
Average Value of Dwelling		$39,656	$54,552
Average Gross Rent (monthly)		261	291
Average Major Payments for Owners (monthly)		210	346

Source: Statistics Canada

The percentage of people who rent their housing in Central is extremely high as Table 10 indicates. The proportion of renters is 71.4 percent compared to the City average of 43.6 percent. Consequently, the proportion of people who own their housing (28.6 percent) is about 28 percent lower than the City average.

This situation, of a high proportion of renters and a low proportion of owners, is not difficult to understand in view of the fact that almost 60 percent of the occupied dwellings are apartments in the neighbourhood. Of the total occupied dwellings, 20.8 percent are single-attached units and 15.6 percent are single-detached units.

The average value of dwellings in Central ($39,656) is $14,876 (or 27 percent) lower than the City average. Both average monthly rents and owners' monthly payments in the neighbourhood are lower than for the City, with owners' monthly payments ($210) over $100 lower than the City average.

5.2 Subsidized Housing

The 84 units in Central represent 1.0 percent of the total assisted City stock. As Table 11 indicates, almost 90 percent of the assisted units are senior units under the Private Non-Profit Housing program and the rent supplement program. The neighbourhood contains only 10 units for families and no units for the physically disabled.

TABLE 11

SUBSIDIZED HOUSING (1986)

	Central		City of Hamilton
	No.	Percent	No.
Family Units*	10	11.9	5,444
Senior Units**	74	88.1	4,196
Handicapped Units	0	00.0	117
Total	84	100.0	9,757

* Under Private Non-Profit Housing:

238 MacNab Street North (2 units)

1 McNeil Street (1 unit)

Under rent supplement program:

150 Market Street West (7 units)

** Under Private Non-Profit Housing:

255 King Street West (72 units)

Under rent supplement program:

150 Market Street West (2 units

Source: Planning and Development Department of Hamilton-Wentworth

6. FAMILIES

Information about the composition of families in the neighbourhood is presented in Table 12. Compared to the City, the neighbourhood contains a somewhat higher proportion of lone-parent families and a lower proportion of husband-wife families. The average number of persons and children per family for both Central and the City is about the same.

TABLE 12

FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS (1981)

	Central		City of Hamilton	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Husband-Wife Families	715	81.7	70,935	86.6
Lone-Parent Families	160	18.3	10,970	13.4
Total No. of Families	875	100.0	81,905	100.0
Average No. of Persons/Family	3.0		3.1	
Average No. of Children/Family	1.1		1.2	

Source: Statistics Canada

7. SOCIO-ECONOMIC INDICATORS

7.1 Labour Force

As indicated by Table 13, the participation rate for males in the neighbourhood was lower than the City average while the participation rate for females was slightly higher than the City

average. The unemployment rates for both males and females in the Central neighbourhood are higher than the City averages. While the unemployment rate for young males is slightly higher, the unemployment rate for young females is somewhat lower than that for the City.

TABLE 13

LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS (1981)

	Central	City of Hamilton
Males in Labour Force	1,265	90,400
Participation Rate	69.9%	77.5%
Unemployed	110	5,035
Unemployment Rate	8.7%	5.6%
15-24 years	12.3%	11.4%
25 years and over	7.7%	3.8%
Females in Labour Force	790	64,000
Participation Rate	51.1%	50.7%
Unemployed	75	5,040
Unemployment Rate	9.5%	7.9%
15-24 years	10.2%	12.4%
25 years and over	10.1%	6.1%

Source: Statistics Canada

7.2 Income

7.2.1 Average and Low-Income Distribution

As the data in Table 14 illustrates, the average incomes of the residents of Central are lower than the City averages in all cases. The average total incomes and employment incomes of male residents in the neighbourhood are more than 20 percent lower than the City average. Similarly, the average Census family income of $19,757 is 22 percent lower than the City average.

The percentage of Central families and individuals who are considered 'poor' (low-income) is higher than the City average.

TABLE 14

AVERAGE AND LOW-INCOME DISTRIBUTION (1981)

	Central	City of Hamilton
Average Total Income, male ($)	11,891	16,379
Average Total Income, female ($)	6,839	7,981
Average Employment Income, male ($)	13,288	16,803
Average Employment Income, female ($)	7,356	8,245
Average Census Family Income ($)	19,757	25,203
No. of Low-Income Economic Families	210	13,290
Incidence of Low-Income (%)	22.1%	16.1%
No. of Low-Income Unattached Individuals	490	15,470
Incidence of Low Income (%)	51.3%	42.7%

Source: Statistics Canada

7.2.2 Private Household Incomes

The average private household income in the Central neighbourhood ($16,325) is almost 27 percent lower than the City average as Table 15 indicates. (Private household income is the total of all incomes of people 15 years of age or over in a single dwelling or unit.)

The table shows that over two-thirds of the private households in the neighbourhood have incomes of less than $20,000 compared to only half of the City households. Conversely, about 32 percent of central private households have incomes of more than $20,000 compared to over 50 percent for City residents.

TABLE 15

PRIVATE HOUSEHOLD INCOME (1981)

	Central		City of Hamilton
	No.	Percent	Percent
Under $ 5,000	235	13.4	8.0
$ 5,000-$ 9,999	400	22.8	15.4
$10,000-$14,999	300	17.1	12.5
$15,000-$19,999	265	15.1	12.9
$20,000-$24,999	210	12.0	13.8
$25,000-$29,999	155	8.8	11.7
$30,000-$39,999	115	6.6	15.1
40,000 and over	75	4.3	10.6
Total	1,755	100.0	100.0
Average ($)	16,325		22,393

Source: Statistics Canada

7.3 Education

7.3.1 Educational Levels

Table 16 provides a comparison of the educational levels for the population 15 years of age and over of Central and the City.

Fewer people 15 years of age and over are attending school full-time in Central compared to the City average. As well, the percentage of the out-of-school population with less than Grade 9 education (40.3 percent) is substantially higher than average. The number of people in Central who have university degrees is slightly higher (2.5 percent) than the City average.

TABLE 16

EDUCATIONAL LEVELS (1981)

	Central		City of Hamilton
	No.	Percent	Percent
Population 15 years and over	3,350	100.0	100.0
Attending School Full-time	325	9.7	11.5
Not Attending School Full-time	3,025	90.3	88.5
Less than Grade 9	1,350	40.3	22.1
Grades 9-13	1,060	31.6	43.4
University Degree	295	8.8	6.3

Source: Statistics Canada

7.3.2 School Enrolment

The Central neighbourhood contains three schools within its boundaries - Sir John A. MacDonald Secondary School, Hess Street Public School and St. Mary's Elementary Separate School. Table 17 shows the enrolment figures for the schools since 1972.

As the table indicates, the enrolment for Sir John A. MacDonald Secondary School has declined over the years. Between 1972 and 1985, the school's population decreased by 18.5 percent. The largest decreases occurred between 1974-75 and 1984-85. At Hess Street Public School, the population between 1972 and 1985 increased by 25.5 percent with the biggest increase (almost 30 percent) occurring between 1973-74. After a gradual decrease in the school enrolment between the years 1975 to 1981, the population began to show a steady increase with each passing year. The enrolment at St. Mary's Elementary Separate School has declined between 1972 and 1982 by 30.5 percent. The only significant increase (about 11 percent) occurred between 1974-75.

TABLE 17

SCHOOL ENROLMENT TRENDS (1972-1985)

	Sir John A. MacDonald Secondary School		Hess Street Public School	
	No.	% Change	No.	% Change
1972	1,391	-	353	-
1973	1,324	- 4.8	295	- 16.4
1974	1,332	+ 0.6	383	+ 29.8
1975	1,190	- 10.7	382	- 0.3
1976	1,297	+ 9.0	371	- 2.9
1977	1,341	+ 3.4	370	- 0.3
1978	1,386	+ 3.4	355	- 4.1
1979	1,351	- 2.5	301	- 15.2
1980	1,293	- 4.3	316	+ 5.0
1981	1,263	- 2.3	295	- 6.6
1982	1,288	+ 2.0	331	+ 12.2
1983	1,312	+ 1.9	347	+ 4.8
1984	1,328	+ 1.2	408	+ 17.6
1985	1,134	- 14.6	443	+ 8.6

* As reported at 30 September of each year.

Source: Board of Education for the City of Hamilton

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Table 17 cont'd

SCHOOL ENROLMENT TRENDS (1972-1982)

	St. Mary's Elementary Separate School	
	No.	% Change
1972	797	-
1973	728	- 8.6
1974	681	- 6.5
1975	754	+ 10.7
1976	735	- 2.5
1977	662	- 9.9
1978	606	- 8.4
1979	585	- 2.5
1980	564	- 3.6
1981	579	+ 2.6
1982	554	- 4.3

Source: Hamilton-Wentworth Roman Catholic Separate School Board

7.4 Mobility Status

Table 18 illustrates the 'mobility' of the Central neighbourhood.

The 'Population 5 Years and Over' figures in the table represent the population which has resided in the area for the past five years or more. This population has been further sub-divided into 'non-movers' (persons who on Census Day, June 3, 1981 were living in the same dwelling they occupied for five years earlier) and 'movers' (persons who, on Census Day, were living in a different dwelling than the one occupied five years earlier).

As the table indicates, a somewhat larger proportion of Central residents are 'movers' (51.9 percent) than the City average (43.5 percent) and a smaller proportion are non-movers.

TABLE 18

MOBILITY STATUS (1981)

	Central		City of Hamilton	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Population 5 years and over	3,735	100.0	284,095	100.0
Non-movers	1,800	48.2	160,500	56.5
Movers	1,940	51.9	123,600	43.5

Source: Statistics Canada

7.5 Occupations

Table 19 outlines by sex the occupations held by Central residents. A large proportion of males (46.5 percent) are employed in machining/product, processing and construction trades. Service, clerical and related occupations are the next largest areas in which males are employed. Almost half of the female Central residents (45.8 percent) have clerical and related occupations and service occupations. Machining/ product occupations employ the next highest number of federal females.

7.6 Industry Divisions

Table 20 classifies the occupations of Central residents according to their industrial division. A large portion of Central residents (34 percent) are employed in the manufacturing industry. This is comparable to the City average of 35.4 percent. The community, business and personal service industries employ the next largest number of Central residents (31.2 percent). This percentage is slightly higher than the City average. A smaller proportion of residents are employed by the trade industry as compared to the City average, while a slightly higher number of residents are employed by the transportations/communications/other utilities industries.

TABLE 19

OCCUPATION MAJOR GROUPS (1981)

	Central			
	Male		Female	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total Labour Force	1,265		790	
Occupational - Not Applicable	20		15	
All Occupations:	1,245	100.0	775	100.0
Managerial, administrative and related	80	6.4	40	5.2
Teaching and related	45	3.6	30	3.9
Medicine and Health	5	0.4	65	8.4
Technological, social, religious, artistic and related	80	6.4	20	2.6
Clerical and related	90	7.2	200	25.8
Sales	45	3.6	85	11.0
Service	110	8.8	155	20.0
Primary	25	2.0	10	1.3
Processing	175	14.0	60	7.7
Machining, product fabricating, assembling and repairing	270	21.7	70	9.0
Construction trades	135	10.8	0	0.0
Transport equipment operating	50	4.0	0	0.0
Other	130	10.4	40	5.2

Source: Statistics Canada

TABLE 20

INDUSTRIAL DIVISIONS (1981)

	Central		City of Hamilton
	No.	Percent	Percent
Both Sexes - Total Labour Force	2,055		
Industry - Not Applicable	35		
All Industries:	2,020	100.0	100.0
Primary	25	1.2	0.8
Manufacturing	685	33.9	35.4
Construction	130	6.4	5.9
Transportation, communication and other utilities	165	8.2	5.4
Trade	240	11.9	15.7
Finance, insurance and real estate	90	4.5	4.3
Community, business and personal service	630	31.2	29.0
Public administration and defence	55	2.7	3.6

Source: Statistics Canada

8. COMMUNITY SERVICES

8.1 Political Representatives

At the local level, the Central neighbourhood is part of Ward 2 and is represented on the City and Regional Councils by:

Mr. Vince Agro (Alderman)
100 Main Street East,
Apartment 2404,
Hamilton, Ontario.
L8N 3W7

Telephone: business - 526-2733
residence - 528-2009

Mr. William McCulloch (Alderman)
17 Robinson Street,
Apartment 1005,
Hamilton, Ontario
L8P 1Y6

Telephone: business - 526-2730
residence - 525-6647

At the provincial level, the neighbourhood is part of the Hamilton West riding and is represented by:

Dr. Richard Allen (Member of Provincial Parliament)
Constituency Office,
196 Locke Street South.
Hamilton, Ontario.
L8P 4B4

Telephone: business - 527-2556

At the federal level, Central is part of the Hamilton West riding and is represented by:

Mr. Peter Peterson (Member of Parliament)
Constituency Office,
225 Main Street West,
Hamilton, Ontario.
L8P 1S4

Telephone: business - 529-4770

8.2 Bus Routes

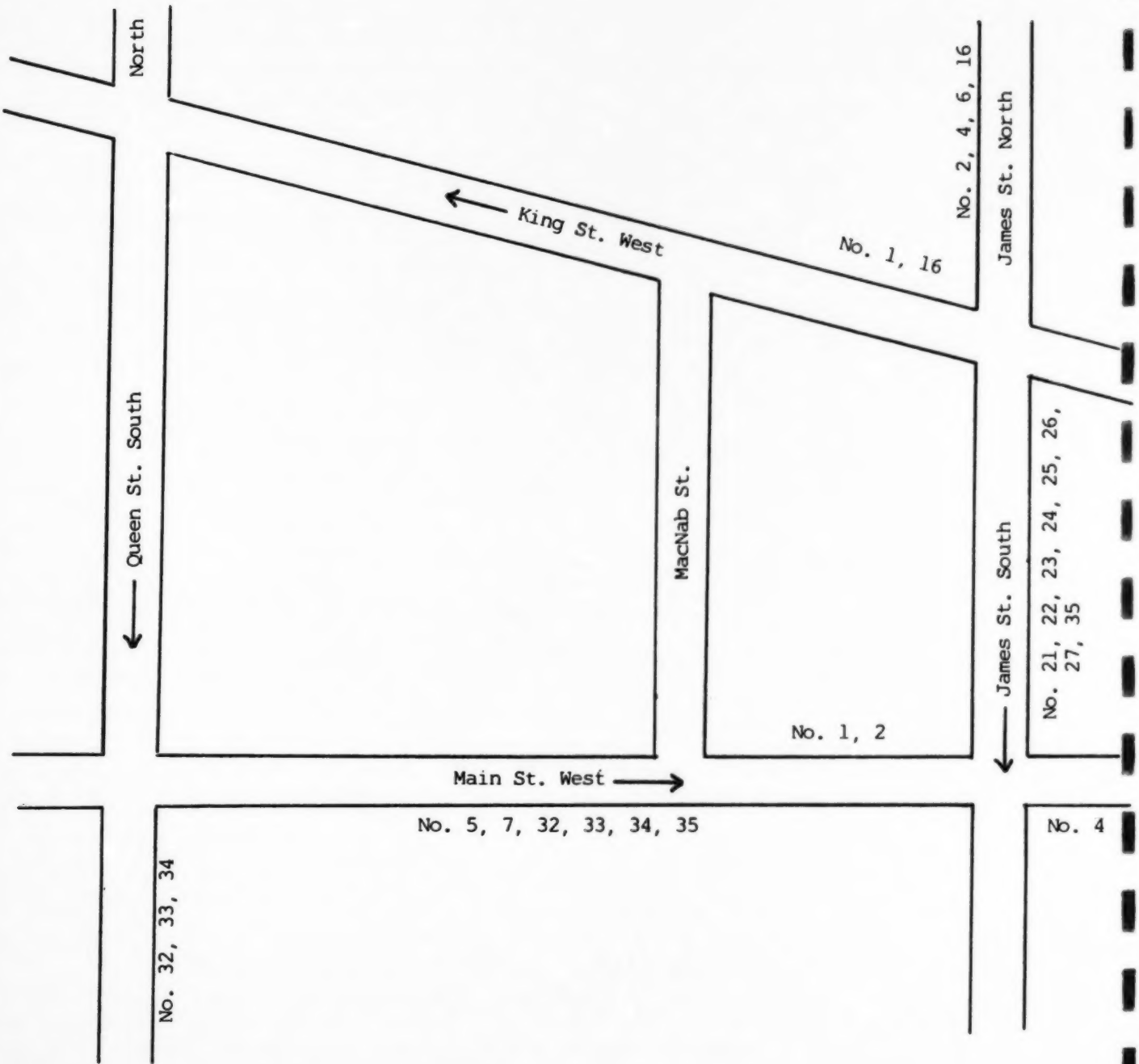
There are nineteen (19) different bus routes which run along or through the borders of the Central neighbourhood. The bus routes are:

Route Name	Route Number
King	1
Barton	2
Bay Front	4
Delaware/Main West/West Hamilton/ Dundas	5
Aberdeen	6
Locke	7
York	8
North Ender	16
Upper Kenilworth	21
Upper Ottawa	22
Upper Gage	23
Upper Sherman	24
Upper Wentworth	25
Upper Wellington	26
Upper James	27
Garth	32
Sanatorium	33
Upper Paradise	34
College	35

The neighbourhood street sketch (Figure 5) indicates the routings of the buses which touch the neighbourhood (except for Route 8 - York).

Figure 6 illustrates the route for the York bus (Route 8) through the Central neighbourhood separately from the other routes.

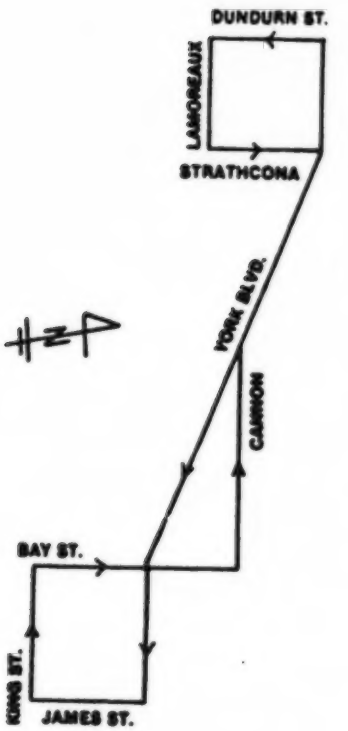
FIGURE 5: CENTRAL BUS ROUTE MAP



Source: Hamilton Street Railway Company

FIGURE 6: YORK BUS ROUTE MAP

YORK
ROUTE No 8
ROUTE MAP
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1984



Source: Hamilton Street Railway Company

8.3 Churches

There are eight (8) churches located in the Central neighbourhood:

All Saints Anglican Church
15 Queen Street South

All Souls Church (Roman Catholic)
21 Barton Street West

Centenary United Church
25 Main Street West

Hess Street Baptist Mission
179 Hess Street North

Holy Resurrection Romanian Orthodox Church
20 Murray Street North

Philpott Memorial Church (Gospel)
84 York Boulevard

St. Mary's Rectory (Roman Catholic)
56 Mulberry Street

8.4 Schools

As indicated previously in Section 7.3.2, the Central neighbourhood contains three schools - Hess Street Public School, St. Mary's Elementary Separate School, and Sir John A. MacDonald Secondary School.

8.5 Parks and Open Space

Central contains only one park and public open space at two schools as indicated below:

Site	Acres	Facilities
Central Park (Bay and Mulberry Streets)	6.57	- baseball field
Hess Street Public School	1.31	- climbers - traditional playground - asphalt play area - handball - volleyball - basketball - football/soccer
Sir John A. MacDonald Secondary School	8.90	- football/soccer - badminton - basketball - handball - volleyball

8.6 Professional Services

There are a number of professional services located in the Central neighbourhood. Central contains the following number of professional service practices/practitioners:

11 Physicians
1 Optometrist
17 Dentists
32 Lawyers (or firms)

8.7 Human Services

8.7.1 General Services

The following human and social services are located within the Central neighbourhood:

- Adult Basic Education Association
  55 York Boulevard, 4th Floor

- Art Gallery of Hamilton
  123 King Street West
- Association of Volunteer Parole Supervisors
  (Hamilton District)
  150 Main Street West, Room 411
- Board of Education for the City of Hamilton
  (The)
  100 Main Street West
- Canada Employment Centre
  150 Main Street West
- Canadian Hemophilia Society (National Office)
  100 King Street West, Suite 210
- Community Information Service Hamilton-
  Wentworth
  55 York Boulevard, 1st Floor
- Correctional Services of Canada - Parole
  150 Main Street West, Room 411
- Court of Canadian Citizenship
  150 Main Street West, Room 411
- Department of Secretary of State
  150 Main Street West, Suite 425
- Economic Development Department
  119 King Street West, 15th Floor
- Hamilton and District Association for the
  Mentally Retarded
  191 York Boulevard
- Hamilton and District Chamber of Commerce (The)
  100 King Street West, Suite 830
- Hamilton Foundation (The)
  120 King Street West, Suite 205
- Hamilton Public Library
  55 York Boulevard
- Hamilton and Region Arts Council
  MacNab Street at Main
- Hamilton Senior Citizens Apartments Ltd.
  255 King Street West
- Hamilton-Wentworth Association of Volunteer
  Probation and Parole Officers
  119 King Street West, 1st Floor
- Hamilton-Wentworth Housing Authority
  119 King Street West, 7th Floor

- Hamilton-Wentworth Roman Catholic Separate School Board
  90 Mulberry Street
- Industry Education Council (Hamilton-Wentworth)
  55 York Boulevard, 2nd Floor
- Italian Community Centre (I.C.C.)
  21 Barton Street West
- Lupus Society of Hamilton (The)
  236 King Street West
- Men's Services Division (Mission Services of Hamilton)
  325 James Street North
- Mohawk-McMaster Education Information Centre
  55 York Boulevard, Plaza Level
- New Horizons (Health and Welfare Canada)
  150 Main Street West, Room 508
- Ontario Health Insurance Plan (O.H.I.P.)
  119 King Street West, 10th Floor
- Ontario Human Rights Commission
  119 King Street West, 8th Floor
- Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Culture
  119 King Street West, 8th Floor
- Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services
  119 King Street West, 6th Floor
- Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations
  119 King Street West, 5th Floor
- Ontario Ministry of Correctional Services Hamilton Centre
  119 King Street West, 1st Floor
- Ontario Ministry of the Environment - West Central Region
  119 King Street West
- Ontario Ministry of Industry, Trade and Technology
  119 King Street West, 3rd Floor
- Ontario Ministry of Labour
  119 King Street West, 8th Floor
- Ontario Ministry of Skills Development - Apprenticeship Branch
  119 King Street West, 7th Floor

- Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Recreation
  119 King Street West, 8th Floor
- Ontario Welcome House - Hamilton
  2 King Street West
- Passport Office - Department of External Affairs
  120 King Street West, #330
- Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth
  119 King Street West
- Revenue Canada
  150 Main Street West
- St. George's Mission Society Counselling Centre
  220 Main Street West
- Men's Social Services Department (Salvation Army)
  94 York Boulevard
- Social Services Department of the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth
  119 King Street West
- Helping Hands (Social Services Department)
  50 Murray Street West
- Work Activity Project (L.O.N.A.R.)
  50 Murray Street West
- Workers' Compensation Board
  120 King Street West, Plaza Level

8.7.2 Clubs

The neighbourhood contains one senior citizen club:

- Italian Community Centre
  21 Barton Street West

8.8 Residential Care Facilities and Group Homes

The neighbourhood has a number of residential care facilities and group homes which serve the needs of special populations.

The facilities are:

C-More's Villa Inc.
182 Cannon Street West

Gradatim Retirement Home
145 Market Street

Mission Services
325 James Street North

Salvation Army Hostel
94 York Boulevard

Source: Planning and Development Department of Hamilton-Wentworth

9. UTILIZATION OF HUMAN SERVICES

Information in this section relates to the use of major social services and social assistance programs by the Central neighbourhood. The utilization rates (per thousand population) of some of the larger social service agencies provides a general indication of the extent to which neighbourhoods make use of existing services.

9.1 General Services

Table 21 indicates the caseloads and utilization rates of selected social services in the City compared to Central.

Central residents appear to utilize the social services listed above to a greater extent than City averages. Only three services (Big Brother Association, Family Centre and Extend-A-Family) show lower utilization rates than City averages.

9.2 Government Assistance

The number of people per 1,000 population receiving General Welfare Assistance is almost three times higher than the City average as Table 12 illustrates. Central neighbourhood is one of the highest users of General Welfare Assistance. As well, the number of people receiving Family Benefits Allowance is almost twice as high as the City average.

TABLE 21

COMPARISON OF SELECTED HUMAN SERVICE UTILIZATION RATES

	Central		City of Hamilton
	No. of Cases	Rate*	Rate*
Alternatives for Youth (1982)	9	2.40	0.68
Big Brother Association (1982)	4	1.07	1.11
Catholic Children's Aid Society (1982)	17	4.53	1.93
Catholic Social Services (1982)	16	4.27	2.44
Chedoke Child and Family Centre (1983)	3	0.80	2.03
Child and Adolescent Services (1982)	8	2.13	1.68
Children's Aid Society (1983)	11	2.93	2.08
Dundurn Community Legal Services (1982)	9	2.40	0.45
Elizabeth Fry Society (1982)	8	2.13	0.71
Family Services	19	5.07	3.89
Extend-A-Family (1984)	1	0.27	0.42
John Howard Society (1983)	26	6.93	1.19
McQuesten Legal and Community Services (1982)	19	5.07	1.71
Meals-on-Wheels (1982)	12	3.20	2.68
St. Matthew's House (1982)	59	15.73	4.38
Victorian Order of Nurses (1982)	67	17.87	14.76
Visiting Homemakers (1982)	30	8.00	5.75

* Utilization rate per 1,000 population (using 1982 City population data).

Source: Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton and District

TABLE 22

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS

	Central		City of Hamilton
	No. of Recipients	Rate*	Rate*
General Welfare Assistance (16 September 1984)	241	64.27	21.85
Family Benefits Allowance (17 June 1981)	174	44.94	23.23
Total	415	119.21	45.08

* Utilization rate per 1,000 population (using 1982 City population data for G.W.A. caseload and 1980 population data for F.B.A. caseload).

Source: Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton and District

10. PROFILE HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a general summary of the significant trends or patterns which have been presented in this profile of the Central planning neighbourhood.

The Central neighbourhood is a community where:

- the population decreased between 1951 and 1981 by 40.3 percent but is estimated to increase significantly by the year 2001;
- the population is 50 percent male and 50 percent female;
- 11 percent of the population is under 16 years of age (compared to 19 percent in the City) and 77 percent of the population is between the ages of 16 and 64 years (compared to 68 percent for the City);
- 45 percent of the population is single;
- 59 percent of the population is Catholic (compared to 39 percent for the City);
- 38 percent have British origins (compared to 52 percent for the City);
- 25 percent of the land is for residential individual list;
- 71 percent of the occupied dwellings are rented (compared to 44 percent in the City);
- 46 percent of the occupied dwellings are apartments (over 5 storeys) compared to 24 percent in the City;
- the average value of dwellings ($39,656) is 27 percent lower than the City average;
- 88 percent of the subsidized housing units are for seniors;
- unemployment rates for both males and females are higher than City averages;
- average family incomes are 22 percent lower than the City average;
- 40 percent of the population 15 years and over has an educational level of less than Grade 9 (compared to 22 percent for the City);
- mobility among the population is higher than average;

- 46 percent of the female population in the labour force have clerical and related and service occupations;
- 34 percent of the labour force is employed by the manufacturing industry;
- the utilization of major social services is higher than the average; and,
- the utilization of government social assistance is two to three times higher than the City average.

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